



NSW Planning Assessment Commission Determination Calga Sand Quarry Modification 3 – Crushing System (DA 94-4-2004)

2 June 2017

The Planning Assessment Commission (the Commission) has granted consent for the modification of a transitional Part 3A development to install and operate a crushing system within the existing pit of the Calga Sand Quarry, subject to conditions. The decision follows the public meeting held in Peats Ridge on 25 May 2017.

The Commission had regard to the proponent's Environmental Assessment, the Response to Submissions report and the Department of Planning and Environment's (the Department) assessment report and carefully considered submissions made through written submissions to the Commission and presentations at the public meeting. The Commission has balanced the economic, social and environmental factors in its determination of the proposal.

The Commission notes the community's concerns regarding the impact of the proposal on Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area. Given that the modification does not include additional disturbance outside the existing quarry boundary, the Commission finds that the modification would not result in direct impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage sites. In addition, the applicant will be required to prepare an Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan for the appropriate management of Aboriginal cultural heritage within and surrounding the existing quarry.

The Commission supports the Department's assessment of noise and air quality impacts on residences in the vicinity of the quarry site, which considers that any predicted impacts can be managed in accordance with the requirements of contemporary Management Plans for Noise and Air Quality.

The Commission also acknowledges additional concerns raised by the community in relation to the impact of the proposal on groundwater and transport. The Commission requested further information from the Department regarding the proposal's impacts and was satisfied these had been addressed and appropriate conditions had been proposed.

The Commission considered the installation of a crushing system within the footprint of the existing quarry did not fundamentally change the nature of the development in its approved form.

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